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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall ranged about steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to fair at best with limited features noted. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair at best for midweek trading. Wings were adequate to well cleared and moving well. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least sufficient and frequently discounted to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 70.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.25 cents last year on September 14, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.00
BREASTS - B/S	155.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.50
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	103.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady at best with caution. Demand was light to fair with trading limited to most immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Wings were in the best position with supplies balanced to well cleared. Breast items and dark meat cuts were adequate to ample and discounted to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best for mid-week trading. Offerings were at least adequate to readily available for current needs with heavier sizes in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and heavily discounted where product was in excess. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were moderate to heavy, sharply discounted and seeing little additional trade activity. Fill-in trade into the Ohio area noted on mixed (2 3/4 to 3 1/2) wogs at 52 cents. Demand into all channels was slow to fair at best. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. Parts trade remained fairly good on wings and light on the balance of parts. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, about steady to weak on leg items and weak on breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were generally steady to weak. Offerings were ample overall, with heavy weights in the longest position. Buyers' interest was fair at best. Retailer demand light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. The market tone was weak on dark meat items and generally steady on white meat.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 9, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 9, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 9, 2006 were 6.28 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 09/09/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	205,284	209,112	-02
CHICKS PLACED	173,203	172,881	0

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 21-Oct-06 is estimated at 159.3 million head. This compares to 159.8 million head the previous week and to 160.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.81 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	621	110.00-195.00	-	131.99
TENDERLOINS	283	134.00-186.00	-	138.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	82.00-88.00	84-86	84.77
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	158	35.00-62.00	38	39.28
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	27.00-38.00	28-29	28.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	892	29.00-39.00	31-32	31.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	100.00-106.00	101-104	103.25
WINGS (CUT)	245	121.00-122.00	-	121.20
DRUMSTICKS	60	35.00-62.00	-	39.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	671	105.00-187.00	-	123.37
TENDERLOINS	158	133.00-184.00	-	140.01
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	80.00-88.00	83-85	84.07
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	170	34.00-62.00	36-37	37.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	25.00-38.00	28	28.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	712	29.00-39.00	30-32	31.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	99.00-104.00	100-102	101.37
WINGS (CUT)	275	115.00-122.00	117-121	118.85
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50-55.00	46.81	43.50-57.00	48.61	50.60

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was light and generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders, legs and leg quarters were readily available and slow to clear. Other dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available for current needs. Wings were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady for wings; barely steady to weak for breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	146.00	672,480
TENDERLOINS	145	124.51	278,212
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	93.39	105,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	88.50	90,000
LEGS	46-47	45.35	179,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	35.12	340,120
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.04	150,248
THIGHS	34-35	45.34	64,240
B/S THIGHS	91-92	84.89	84,150
WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	105.23	225,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.32	27,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.18	17,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.70	33,480

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	140.25	850,798
TENDERLOINS	140-145	125.92	184,220
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	96.71	73,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	86.60	81,000
LEGS	45-46	45.99	178,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	35.76	208,040
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.28	118,591
THIGHS	34-35	45.30	39,680
B/S THIGHS	91-92	85.71	107,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	107.34	196,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.54	20,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.27	13,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.93	20,660

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
	09/13	09/12	09/11	09/08	09/11
Alabama	4,169	4,216	4,077	4,066	5.44
Arkansas	5,422	5,480	5,324	6,534	5.53
Delmarva	2,252	2,284	1,968	2,559	5.82
KY-LA-TN	2,306	2,336	2,330	2,280	5.14
Mississippi	2,874	2,811	2,700	3,286	5.98
N Carolina	2,675	2,651	2,600	3,057	6.82
Texas	2,504	2,502	2,544	2,564	5.38
Total	22,202	22,280	21,543	24,388	5.69
Mon-Wed	66,279(B)				4.94

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Sep-06 is estimated to be 33,217,000 head up 0.75 percent from a week ago and up 2.18 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,971,000, last year 32,509,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/16/06 (1)	09/09/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	164,985 (2)	150,870
Light hens	1,086	880
Heavy hens	1,516	1,248
Total	167,587	152,998

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Sep-06 is 163.7 million head compared to 171.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Sep-06 the estimated available is 164.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/10/06	105,311	69,074
AM 09/01/06	106,259	71,254
CHG	-948	2,180
PCT CHG	-1	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/11/06	09/05/06	09/12/05	09/11/06	09/05/06	09/12/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	647	654	4,931	10,758	10,426	4,217
LOS						
ANGELES	306	294	96	2,925	2,781	2,084

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 09/12/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.55	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	1.90	2.10	1.99	BANTAMS ea.	-	6.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	5.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.80	2.00	1.95	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	2.40	1.18	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	4.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	66						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 8, 2006

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	63.89	140.14	74.19	20.61	4.12	68.01
High	67.60	152.51	78.32	24.73	8.24	68.01
Mostly	63.89	144.27	78.32	24.73	4.12	68.01

SAN JUAN

Low	64.71	131.90	65.95	20.61	6.18	70.07
High	68.84	140.14	74.19	24.73	8.24	70.07
Mostly	68.84	140.14	70.07	20.61	6.18	70.07

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	63.89	127.78	78.32	24.73	4.12	65.95
High	68.01	140.14	94.80	28.85	8.24	65.95
Mostly	63.89	140.14	90.68	24.73	4.12	65.95

BECERRA

Low	66.77	140.14	78.32	24.73	8.24	74.19
High	70.07	148.39	94.80	28.85	8.24	74.19
Mostly	68.84	144.27	90.68	24.73	8.24	74.19

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds mid-week was slow to fair at best and activity was generally noted as typical of the post Labor Day and mid-September period. Offerings were fully adequate and more readily available on the heavier weights. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable.

Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate with Wings in best balance. Boneless/Skinless Breasts, Tenders, Legs and Leg Quarters were competitive priced to stimulate buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	64-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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